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FROM : AmEmbassy, Vienna

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DESP. NO.

TO : THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON

April 13, 1956

REF : EMBDES 236, Sept 1, 1955; EMBDES 680, Feb. 8, 1956.

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SUBJECT: Status of EUGEN JAN (JIMMY) FABIAN

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Dr. Szigut called at the Embassy at our request and stated that Fabian had recently written him two letters announcing his release from Soviet imprisonment and his "return" to relatives in Podolinec, Czechoslovakia. Fabian stated in these letters (which were written in Czech) that he had been amnestied as a Czech citizen in August 1955, and that he was presently in Podolinec registered as a Czechoslovak national. Dr. Szigut stated that Fabian had been one of his special students in Czech language from 1945 to 1947 and that he had known him very well. Although Szigut knew that Fabian had some connections with the US Occupation Forces he was not aware that Fabian claimed US nationality, and had always believed him to be Czechoslovak. Szigut had no specific information regarding Fabian's arrest other than what the latter had written him from the Soviet Union, but he remembers having been himself interrogated by the Austrian Ministry of the Interior regarding his relations with Fabian shortly after the arrest of the latter in 1947. In his final letter Fabian announced that it was his intention to return to Vienna as soon as he could physically arrange to do so in order to continue his studies with Dr. Szigut.

The Embassy has no background data on Fabian. Since he represents something of a special case and one which might be of particular interest to the Embassy in Prague, we request that the Department furnish both the Embassy in

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FOR THE AMBASSADOR:

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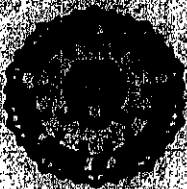
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In Reply, Please Refer to

File No.

105-88529

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Date: October 25, 1955

To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: EUGENE STANLEY FABIAN,
also known as
Jimmy Fabian
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Reference is made to my memorandum dated July 28, 1955, captioned "Jimmy Fabian, Internal Security - R" requesting you to furnish us any additional data available concerning a Captain Jimmy Fabian of Chicago who had been arrested in Czechoslovakia in 1944 and subsequently confined in a Soviet camp near the Mongolian border according to a report from the group of Austrians recently released by the Soviets.

For your information information and assistance in this matter, information which appears to refer to the subject was contained in an Associated Press dispatch bearing the date line "Camp Friedland, Germany, October 16," published in the October 17, 1955, issue of the Washington, D. C., newspaper "The Washington Post and Times Herald." This dispatch reported data concerning persons remaining in Soviet captivity which had been obtained from the newly freed Germans just repatriated from Russia and included the following information:

Lieutenant Eugene Stanley Fabian, 34, of Chicago, said he was seized by Soviet agents in 1947 in Austria, where he was serving in the Counterintelligence Corps of the United States Army. He was sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment as an

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By: JAC NARS Date: 11/2/81

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has been received from the Department of State, and it is
now being processed in the Department of State, and that
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The files of this Bureau reflect no additional
information available with the subject.

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Department of State
315 New York Avenue, N. E.
Washington, D. C.

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cc - 1 - Director
Central Intelligence Agency
2000 E Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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Attention: Deputy Director, Plans



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NO.: CA-9011, May 14, 1956

SUBJECT: Status of EUGEN JAN (JIMMY) FABIAN

RE: VIENNA'S Despatch 862, April 13, 1956.

TO: The American Embassy, BONN, MOSCOW, PRAGUE, VIENNA and
The United States Mission, BERLIN

The Department refers to the Embassy's despatch No. 862 of April 13, 1956 concerning the case of EUGEN JAN (JIMMY) FABIAN, an alleged American citizen held in custody in the Soviet Union from 1947 to August 1955. It is noted that FABIAN was released from Soviet imprisonment in August 1955, when he was amnestied as a Czech national.

The Department has received a number of reports from different Foreign Service offices transmitting information concerning an alleged American citizen named FABIAN with various first names. All variations of the name have been checked with the master index files of the Passport Office but no information has been found which would establish in any way a claim to American citizenship of any person with these names.

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THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON

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SUBJECT: American Citizens Detained by the Soviet Union

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The Embassy has recently received the following information concerning American citizens detained by the Soviet Union.

The Austrian returnee Martin Strobel reported to the Embassy that he knew an American named FABIAN (Embassy despatch 236, September 1, 1955). Fabian and Strobel were detained in camp 11, near Vihorewska, a new city being built in Siberia, situated in the proximity of Lake Baikal about 150 kilometers from the river Ankara. Fabian told Strobel that he was from Chicago and that his address in that city had been Goldway 253. Strobel said that up to 1954, Fabian's Red Cross address had been Field Post 5110/37.

Strobel also claimed to have known a Colonel FOKLER from the CIC, who had been allegedly taken by the Russians from Vienna to Neunkirchen in the summer of 1949. Strobel was also in Neunkirchen. Fokler allegedly remained in Neunkirchen when Strobel was removed to the Soviet Union.

Stanislav Dubic, a Polish citizen who recently returned from the USSR to his business in Austria, stated that he knew an American detained in the USSR called Wlodek WOJNILAWITSCHUS or WOJNILAWITSCHUS (Despatch 390, October 20, 1955). Dubic claims that Wojnilawitschus was born in the United States but went as a child to Lithuania with his father. The war prevented his return to the U.S. After the war, Wojnilawitschus allegedly obtained a passport from the American Consulate in Moscow, but was unable to leave the USSR as he was arrested on the train in 1948 while returning home from one of his trips to Moscow. He was sentenced to 10 years forced labor. The Soviets allegedly considered him stateless. From 1950 to 1954 he was in camp Spask near Karaganda. He was released in 1955, and as of the summer 1955 was living as a free man in Karaganda, working in the meteorological station for a salary of 2000 rubles a month. He was in good health, although had lost two fingers on a paw. When Dubic left Karaganda, he begged him to inform the American authorities about his detention, stating that he could not leave the region nor could he communicate with the American authorities in Moscow for fear of another arrest. He told Dubic that he has a brother in Detroit, and that his father and one sister live in Lithuania. He is about 37 years old. His address as of the summer of 1955 was: Tschurakow, near Karaganda in Kazakstan, Field Post 419/4.

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BY - Mr. Dennis A. Flinn

November 16, 1955

SCS - S. Houston Lay

Eugene Stanley FABIAN, also known as
Jimmy FABIAN

Reference is made to your memorandum of November 14, 1955 requesting information concerning Eugene Stanley Fabian, also known as Jimmy Fabian. In addition to information reported in SCS' memorandum to you dated August 24, 1955, this Office's records contain the following:

9-1-55 Despatch no. 236 from Vienna re Americans detained by U.S.S.R. authorities reports that an Austrian returnee, Karl Pauer, Speisengerstrasse 13, Vienna XIII, said he met Jimmy Fabian October 1953 in a camp near Omsk; that in December 1954 Fabian was transferred to a special camp for foreigners in Tschurba-Nura, 40 kilometers southwest of Karaganda, Kazakh SSR; that he was seen there as late as May 26, 1955 and that his address was reported to be Moscow Post Box 5110/80. Another Austrian returnee reported that Fabian was born in Chicago about 1925 and was an officer in the U.S. Army. Still another Austrian returnee stated that Fabian in June, 1955 was still at Tschurba-Nura, and that Fabian received no mail from the United States. A fourth Austrian, a civilian internee, stated that Jimmy Fabian was seen in prison at the Soviet Kommandatura Vienna IV, Floessgasse in December 1946 and in a prison near Sopron, Hungary in September 1947. Fabian was described as "Oberleutnant", born 1919, educated at Oxford or Cambridge, and when in Vienna resided at Sievering. Fabian was arrested by the Soviets in command on the Austrian side of the Czechoslovak frontier in 1948 or 1949.

cc: ER - Miss Virginia H. James.

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